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CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

OCTOBER 1953

"A Century of Congregationalism In Kansas"

A copy just off the press has been in our possession for 48 hours. We have read several chapters and hurriedly scanned thru the remainder. Professor Charles M. Correll, the author, has done a superb job. It is truly a masterpiece. Though filled with factual, historical data, it reads like a story book. As Dr. Upton states in the foreword: "He writes not only with the incisiveness of the historian who is careful in his handling of facts, but he knows how to look for the important ingredients which have helped to make his subject matter come alive."

The chapter headings, in themselves are full of meaning:

"Background of the Story"
"The Period of Civil Strife 1854-1865"
"A Home Mission Field Till 1900"
"Life and Labors of Kansas Missionaries"
"Organizations for Fellowship"
"The Churches and Education"
"The Church Press"
"Youth Departments"
"Years of Transition"
"Birth of the Conference"
"Some Practical Issues"
"Buildings and Builders"
"Conclusion and Forecast"

In addition Appendix I gives the place, date and Moderator elected at each Annual Meeting; Appendix II lists every Congregational Church organized within the state; Appendix III gives Congregational Ministers of Kansas with date and place of first service.

If you have not purchased your copy, please do so at once. The cost until January 1, 1954 is $2.50.

Our Cover Picture

Last year Topeka First Pilgrims had a wonderful sunny October day, matched by a wonderful spirit when they washed 40 cars for a net profit of $40.00 for Our Christian World Mission. From left around the car are: Sidney Yerkes, Carolyn Stoneburner Joyce Ridinger, Frank Kelly, Steve Meyers, Darlene Beeman, Roxie Jones, Pat Miller, Mary Sears, Margaret Paramore and Colleen Krionderis.

Twenty-five churches across the state responded last year with offerings totalled almost $800.00. We hope this year on October 24, the response will be even greater.

Renewal Time

The dead-line for renewals to Congregational Kansas for 1954 is December first. Key People will receive lists of present subscribers before the end of October. Churches having 20 per cent of their membership, as reported to the Year Book in January, as paid subscribers will be eligible for the 50 cent price. Churches with a lesser number will pay 75 cents.

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"Centennial Caravans"

One hundred years is a long time. Kansas Congregationalists can well be proud of a century of history — rich in worship, sacrifice and service. We all eagerly anticipate the State Conference in Lawrence next May when this 100th Anniversary will be observed.

In anticipation of this celebration Centennial Caravans are being formed to present four major concerns to our churches. We hope that in the next few months every church in the state will be visited by a team of two or more persons.

Birthday Celebration

The first concern of the Centennial Caravan is to emphasize the importance of the 100th Anniversary. It would be wonderful if Congregationalists from all over Kansas could come to Lawrence next May by the hundreds.

Professor C. M. Correll's book, "A Century of Congregationalism in Kansas" is just off the press. It is an excellent book and we want Congregationalists all over Kansas to know about it, buy it, and read it.

Reaching The Unreached

A second concern on the hearts of those representing the Centennial Caravan is the cause of Evangelism. We Congregationalists have not paid sufficient attention to the unchurched. With the help of charts from the Conference office, every church has the opportunity to train men and women to call on church school parents and other interested folks regarding church membership. The most fitting way in which we could observe our 100th Anniversary would be to have a tremendous upsurge of membership in all our churches.

A Time to Build Churches

Our third reason for visiting the churches of our fellowship is the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign. For a majority of our churches we shall merely want to say "thanks" for a job well done. But for those who have not sent in a declaration of purpose as yet, it is our desire to discuss ways and means of achieving such action by Thanksgiving. At our General Council meeting in Claremont a year ago June, a unanimous vote declared that this fund should be raised. Now about a year and a half later, it is time to finish the task.

Our Christian World Mission

Last, but not least, the Centennial Caravan is concerned with Our Christian World Mission. Unless our churches can substantially increase their giving for this purpose, our State Con-

ference, our Home Boards and the American Board will have to reduce their services. This crucial hour in the world's history is no time to sound retreat for the Christian cause. Many churches have not raised their giving to O.C.W.M. in several years. The Centennial Caravan will discuss ways and means of meeting the new quotas that have been assigned by our Stewardship Committee.

The Courage of Pioneers

The church which I serve in Topeka is 98 years old this month. The early founders of First Church put up the first building with their own hands. they erected the walls and the wind blew them down. A second time they built the walls a wind destroyed them. The third time the walls stood. That took work, courage and sacrifice. We have our churches today because of what they did. One hundred years later we dare not do any less in our way. The Centennial Caravan offers the opportunity of making our witness in 1954 as great as theirs in 1854.

—Ray Carlton Jones,
Centennial Caravan Chairman

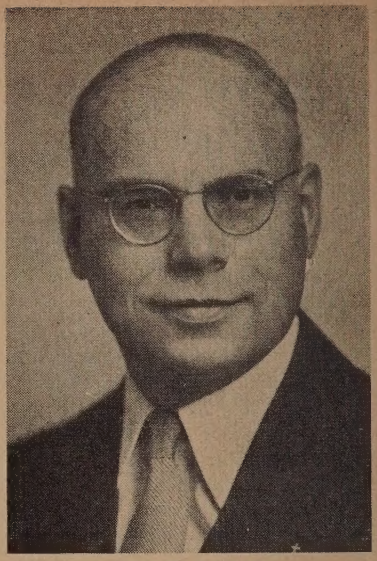
Every Member Canvass

November is Loyalty or Stewardship Month in most of our churches. Fine helps are available — filmstrips, charts and pamphlets. Each minister has received a packet. Study it and organize your forces. "Planning Pays Dividends."

Have you scheduled this year's 30-minute motion picture, "The Hidden Heart" available at the Conference office for the payment of postage.

To Downs

After considerable car trouble and moving difficulties, the Rev. and Mrs. John B. Schlarb and four year old son Richard, arrived at Downs on Septem-



John B. Schlarb

ber 4. They were present at the Western Association meeting at Stockton. A recognition council is being planned.

From Chaplaincy to Church

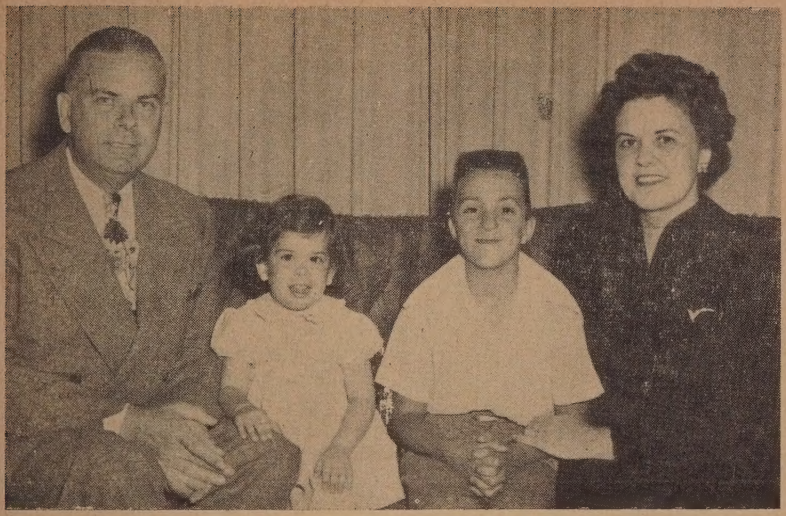
After two years in the service, the Rev. Edwin R. Howard accepted a call as pastor of the Arcadia Cong'l Church in Arcadia, Cal. This church, organized two years ago, was sponsored by the First Cong'l Church of Los Angeles and two Pasadena churches.

Goodson's Last Sunday

On September 13, the Rev. A. J. Goodson received 11 new members into fellowship of the Almena Cong'l Church making a total of 41 added during his pastorate. The Goodson's began work September 15 at Arcadia Nebraska.

Interim Minister

The Rev. Melvin C. Dorsett of Denver has just accepted a call to our Kiowa church.



Dr. and Mrs. Walter H. Upton, Bobby and Rosemary

Welcome To The Midwest Regional October 20-22

Kansas people have a rare opportunity this fall with the Midwest Regional meeting scheduled in our own state. The first time since Wichita Plymouth entertained in 1938. Dr. and Mrs. Walter H. Upton and their people are hosts, offering their fine new educational building, commodious sanctuary and warm hospitality to meet the needs of this great meeting.

The program reads like a "Who's Who in American Congregationalism" — Stuart Anderson, Ronald Bridges, Ruth Seabury, Ione Catton, Fred Hoskins, Joseph Evans, Fred Meek, Douglas Horton and many others will take part. The three-day meeting will be crowded with practical work sessions warm fellowship and inspiring addresses.

These are times when we all need to take a fresh look at our world and the Christian Missionary enterprise. The theme of the meetings, "Christ's Call and Our Response" should challenge us.

Request for lodging and meals should go in at once to Mrs. A. J. Boundy 246 South Dellrose, Wichita.

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Home Receptions

On September 20, Wichita Fairmount opened its fall program with twenty Hospitality Teas, held simultaneously from 4 to 6 P.M., planned and supervised by the church deaconessess. Each tea was presided over by two couples; invitation lists and printed invitations were provided each group of hosts and hostesses. The program gave a pleasant opportunity for the "Church Family" to become acquainted .

"Nothing to Be Proud Of—City Scorned a Neighbor"

By Anna Mary Murphy
Topeka Daily Capital Staff

"There are some days when it isn't such a proud thing to be a Kansan. Friday was one of those days.

Angel Oliva, a 26 year old civil engineer from Mexico, has been in Topeka since April 5 at the invitation of the State Highway Department. He is called, 'Al' by his fellow workers.

The son of an engineer, Al comes from one of the best families in his proud land. His mother was Italian.

But Al wasn't considered good enough to eat in one of Topeka's downtown restaurants Thursday evening. In fact, after the owner insultingly approached him and asked what nationality he was the young Mexican was asked to leave.

'I was not going to deny my own country,' the very light-skinned, good-looking young man explained. Friday morning, Al went to Gale Moss, director of the highway department, and resigned.

Next Monday he was to have accompanied highway engineer Ross Keeling on a trip to Mexico City to recruit 6 or 7 other engineering graduates of the University of Mexico.

Moss was out of town Friday night and could not be reached for comment.

The state has been faced for some time with a shortage of engineers, and desperately needs Al's fellow countrymen to help design the hundreds of bridges required in the highway improvement program.

In all honesty, Al told his boss, 'Sir, I don't want to doublecross the highway department, but if we are going to Mexico, I must tell my people the way in which the people of the United States are treating us. I'm pretty sure our engineers have the same dignity as I do, so they won't come. I'm very sorry.'

Al had come to Kansas in the first place because he arrived in Columbus, Ohio, too late to take advantage of a scholarship at Ohio State University. He had wanted to live in the United States for a while 'to see how you live, how you build roads and also to learn English.'

He had been told of possible discrimination, but has found more than he expected. He said he also had found many wonderful persons.

'I'm not a crusader,' he said, 'but unfortunately here in Topeka, there is much prejudice. I know you can't change people in a moment or a day. But if America could only see what its treatment of dark skinned peoples is doing to its world position, it surely would wake up.'

Granted, the story of Al is not new. It is just a graphic example of why, in his words, "many millions of people in the world do not care whether the United States or Russia is on top."

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"First Negro Graduate of Stormont-Vail"

By Ruth Keller,
Topeka State Journal Staff

Greater Brown chapel is mighty proud of Marian Bell — and well they might be.

Marian, who Saturday had completed her first week of regular duty as a nurse at Winter Veterans Administration hospital, is the first Negro ever to be graduated from Stormont-Vail school of nursing.

Marian received final honors from

the school September 4 when with members of her class she attended commencement exercises.

What does Greater Brown chapel have to do with Marian? Marian is a member of that Methodist congregation (AME) and has been active in the youth work. In recognition of her graduation, members of the church held a Sunday evening service dedicated to her and her success.

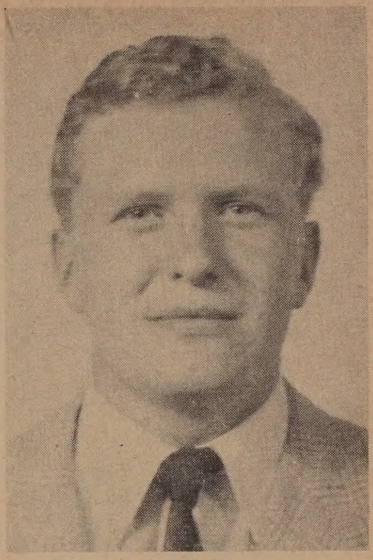
Marian has nothing but nice things to say about her three years at Stormont-Vail. She lived in the Nurses' home as all student nurses are required to do, regardless of whether they are Topekans.

"I had lovely classmates," said the quiet, dark-eyed girl. "They never seemed to make a difference for me, nor did I ever run into any patients who objected to me taking care of them."

Pause for Thought

We were pleased during the past month to find the above articles with accompanying pictures in our two Topeka papers. It is an indication of progress in race relations that such articles appear on the front pages of our newspapers. We commend the staff writers for their clear cut interpretation.

In the closing chapter of Mr. Correll's book headed "Conclusion and Forecast", he writes: "What about the race question in the years ahead? Our pastors preach wise and kindly sermons on the brotherhood of all men, and Congregationalists pride themselves on their belief in democracy. How will the second century of Congregationalism react to this question?"



William Bryant

Hard At Work

Arriving in Lawrence the last day of August, William Bryant, Assistant Minister, soon began a busy schedule. He meets a Junior High group at 4:30, Senior High at 6:00 and college age at 7:00 each Sunday evening. In addition he meets with the high school young people at 10:15 Sunday morning. Mr. Turner reports progress already in the church school under Mr. Bryant's leadership. He was honored with a reception on September 16.

Mr. Bryant spent his elementary, high school and college life while a resident of Long Island; graduating from Columbia College in New York in 1950. Last spring he completed three years of study at Andover Newton Theological Seminary. He was for three years Director of Young People's Activities, and spent three years as religious instructor in a Massachusetts state corrective institution.

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Department Memorial Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Lavena Smith
Mrs. Mona Frazie
Mrs. Laura Immenga
Mrs. Rosa Marshall
By Mount Hope Women

Mrs. Robert Kerr
By Ottawa Women

Mrs Ida Wilson
Mrs. Sarah E. Rogers
By Independence Women

Mrs. C. M. Sterling
Mrs. Grace L. Gifford
Mrs. W. P. Olmstead
By Lawrence Plymouth Women

Mrs. Henrietta Wolford
By Topeka Seaman Guild

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"Let Us Pray"

We, as Congregational-Christians, have a number of special tasks before us this fall and winter. Back in 1950, Mr. Frank Korab gave us a slogan, "4000 more by '54", when he and others were planning a membership drive. This figured about a 20 per cent increase for each church over a four year period. Kansas has been asked to raise $75,000.00 as her share of the National Building Loan Fund. We are celebrating our Centennial next spring in Lawrence. Mr. Charles Correll has written a fine book. "A Century of Congregationalism in Kansas" and each church will want its quota of the 1500 copies that will comprise the first printing. Then, of course, each church has its own plans and hopes for the year. It is with these and other things in our mind that I write, urging us to pray.

A Prayer Group for Each Church

More important than the tasks listed above is our need for a more vital communion with God. In a Prayer Group we learn that God will guide us, when we acknowledge Him; we commence to realize how wonderfully well things work for good when we depend on Him to direct our paths; we find a deep and Christian love growing within us for each other; Sunday morning worship is a joyful and longed for time; we learn Bible verses and so allow His word to abide in us; the Bible comes alive and speaks to us; and we learn to see our prayers answered with calm delight, rather than surprise.

How and Why Prayer Groups Work

Our Prayer Group at Topeka Seaman has never taken on a specific assignment, such as each member pledging to make so many calls a week or each one pledging to bring a new member. A prayer group is not an action group — it is the channel for power and action. This is the time for receiving, for allowing God's power to renew us; for being still enough to hear the still small voice of God. Our prayers undergird the tasks of the church, they open the door for His voice, and when a group of women do that, they do the utmost for their church and its people.

Write Me

There are about 80 active Congregational-Christian Churches in Kansas. I know there are prayer groups in many, but I think the percentage is low. If you have a group, will you write me about it — how it is conducted and your experiences? If you have none and want one, write me and I'll send you suggestions for organizing and conducting a group.

Only God knows what a power for good we would become with a prayer group in each church in Kansas, made up of a group of women who love God and want to become better acquainted with Him.

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster,
Spiritual Life Secretary

Friendly Service

If your quota assignment is for Fort Berthold Indian Mission, please note carefully. Recently the Rev. Harold W. Case, Director of the Mission, wrote that they have no storage space at present and he would like to have most of the packages delayed until spring. They can take care of home supplies, towels, sheets blankets, curtains, etc., and could distribute some clothing for children of elementary school age, but they can not take care of large quantities of used clothing, for the present. Mr. Case says they have good connections with some of the larger stores and could purchase supplies as needed if money were sent.

Until April, address Rev. and Mrs. Case and Miss Alice Watson at Elbowoods, No. Dakota. Freight and express should go to Garrison, No. Dakota for the present.

Mrs. Walter Ives,
Friendly Service Secretary

Kansas City Rosedale

The Kansas City Rosedale Women's Guild gave a Birthday Party, Sept. 3 with 77 present. Each month had a beautifully decorated table complete with birthday cake and the different months outdid themselves in competing for the cleverest and most original program, including a novel way of presenting the birthday pennies. In addition to furnishing a very enjoyable evening, the program netted $54.00 for the Guild Treasury.

Mrs. William Ehlers, Secretary
Rosedale Women's Guild

Greater Sheldon Memorial

Central Church, Topeka, under the leadership of Mr. Ralph Glenn, chairman is in the midst of a campaign to raise $25,000.00 for a number of worthwhile projects. Included are the completion of a Sheldon Memorial Room, a new chancel, a streamlined kitchen and Central's share in the Church Loan Fund.

New Unit Dedicated

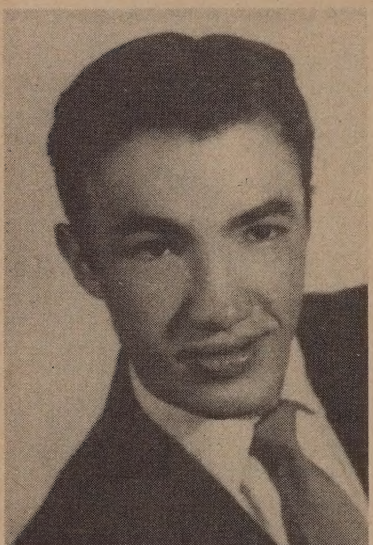
On September 13, the new unit at Prairie Village was dedicated with an appropriate service. Worship will now be held in the larger room, the church parlor, until such time as the sanctuary is completed. The seating capacity of the new room is almost twice that of the small chapel, so that one service will be held instead of duplicate services. Under the new schedule morning worship and Church School will be held at 10:A.M.

Two By Two

Wichita Pilgrim men are carrying on a Visitation Evangelism program. Calls on 29 families one night resulted in ten new members for the church. Evangelism charts to help in training men for this very important work are available in the Conference Office.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Roger Brown, President **Mike Walker, Secretary**



Roger Brown, State President
Topeka Central

Meet your state Pilgrim Fellowship president who hails from Topeka. Last year Roger was president of the Central group, is a senior at Topeka High School this year, plays football and the guitar and sings classical ballads.

Caravan Reports

"Worshipping in a Japanese-speaking service, climbing mountains with California PF'ers, renovating a church school classroom, and playing games on the beach of Lake Tahoe — these are only a few highlights of our six weeks of caravaning.

After ten days training at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio, I joined a caravan team which included a Pennsylvania girl, a boy from Wisconsin and a girl from Honduras. Leaving Chicago, we flew to San Francisco where we spent our first week in a Japanese Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Visitations in homes, Nisei rally, and a basement-lobby painting job were all part of our week. But we'll remember most the feeling of oneness we experienced in the church service as we sang in three languages — English Japanese, and Spanish.

Congregational Camp Cazadero gave us a chance to live with California PF'ers. Since our responsibilities were few, we joined with the campers in their entire program.

During our two-week stay at a Sacramento E & R mission church, we were responsible for church services, a family night, survey-visitations, and play school. And the Lodi E & R Church visit included a family potluck supper, interdenominational rally, and a two-day retreat at Lake Tahoe.

But this is not a complete report. Making the summer most wonderful for each one of us was a new, real understanding of our caravan scripture, I Corinthians 12:4 — that, although there are varieties of gifts, service, and working, 'it is the same God who inspires them all in every one.' "

—Barbara Bell, McPherson

Dave's Diary

Dave Cutting kept a daily diary of his experiences at Caroline Mission, St. Louis, Mo., Camp Tambo, Windyville, Mo., and Camp Potawatomie, Grafton, Ill. Here are some excerpts: "I'm real happy and a lot of it is due to the wonderful people I live with here at the mission. They are the three caravaners — Grace from Iowa, Re-

gina from Dover, Delaware and Arlene "Grandma" who just graduated from college. We appointed her as our head gal. Then Marvin, Martin and Betty live here also and are Seminary Students. — Camp is really going now. These little guys are something out of this world. Today I had a wood-carving class in the morning and a hike through the jungle to a big cave this afternoon. — Our cabin was in charge of vespers tonight. One of my fellows, Fred, had a call to worship and hymns; Pepper read the parable of the talents, and I gave a short talk on the story."

SENIOR HIGH STATE RALLY WICHITA FAIRMOUNT November 6-7

Wichita Plymouth

The Senior P.F. Girls have organized a girl's basketball team. They plan to play in the Wichita Church League and have regular practices in their new gym.

Topeka Activities

Topeka First groups started off the year with a picnic on the church lawn. Early plans included a hay ride for the seniors. Central P.F. entertained new members and guests at a picnic at Walker's Cabin on September 20.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Please send your news to your association secretary. We did not receive any this month. It must reach them by the 15th of each month. SOUTHERN send to Myrle Barton, 3453 E. 12th, Wichita; EASTERN send to Maureen Taylor, 1420 S. Main Ottawa; WESTERN send to Sally Irving, Russell.

Christian Action

This term is to replace our familiar Missionary Action Commission. Through it we serve, study and give financial support of the projects selected by Pilgrim Fellowship. Through observing Workday for Christ your earnings will go to these projects:

East Harlem Protestant Parish

Nearly 300,000 Puerto Ricans live in this section of New York City. Living conditions are crowded beyond belief. Sometimes nine families use one apartment, sleeping in shifts; 400c people live in one city block. Delinquence is high. Jobs are not plentiful for unskilled people. In 1948 three seminary students began work. Through store front churches and part time assistants they have ministered to many. It is their work we help support. Read the book PAPI to become acquainted with some of these Puerto Rican Americans. It is especially for Junior Hi's.

Johannesburg, S. A.

Our program reaches around the world and helps five missionaries to serve Africans who need education, social service, medical aid and religious education. You can help by sending friendly service gifts or money through Workday for Christ. Write for more suggestions. Plan to read the book THE CHURCH WE CANNOT SEE in the Junior Hi group and WHERE'ER THE SUN in the Senior Hi.

German Youth Training Center

This project will help young people in the Eastern Zone, who are under steady Communist pressure.

National Leadership Training Fund

Scholarships help young leaders to complete their education so they may in turn train others in their own countries. This is one of the best ways to aid our missions.

Spanish-Speaking Churches

Eight churches in southwestern USA need our support through our home missions program.

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director

Let the Boys and Girls Help, Too

Boys and girls are interested in the things their mothers and fathers are. Everyone has been talking about money for new church buildings this year. Soon they will be hearing a great deal more about churches their grandparents built right here in our own state. Read "A Century of Congregationalism in Kansas" by Charles M. Correll. In addition to this, churches who use the Pilgrim Series will have an opportunity through study to gain a greater appreciation of our Protestant Heritage. With the study of the Church, our work on the Church Building Loan Fund and the celebration of our own Centennial this year our church schools can well emphasize the importance of the Church and its missions. While the Church Building Loan Fund may seem like an intangible project for children, it need not be. There are many ways in which it can be dramatized. They will be interested in how they got their own church. Posters may help in telling a story. One church placed a model church on the communion table. The children had small miniature banks for their special offering. Boys and girls *can* feel that they have a real share in our major denominational work. This is a real missionary enterprise. Just one hundred years ago the Congregational Church Building Society started its work, our first churches in Kansas were the missionary churches on the Western frontier.

Omitted Last Month

We wish to express appreciation to Rev. Marvin Brown, Garden City, Mrs. C. E. Georgeson, Lenora; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Morris for leadership at the LaForet Leadership Workshop August 5-9. Churches represented were: Manhattan, Onaga, Osborne, Topeka First, Garden City, Russell, Lenora.

Church School Planning Reetreat

The Russell Staff held its Fall Planning Retreat at the Gorham Community Church on September 13. Mrs C. E. Georgeson, Lenora was guest leader. The Gorham teachers also participated. After a series of reports the teachers presented plans for the Fall Quarter which were discussed. They later shared in a fellowship period and supper.

Off the Press

"Day of the False Dragon" is the title of the new book by Alice Margaret Huggins. It is published by Wsetminster Press and sells at $2.50 It is a book both young people and adults will enjoy, although it is slanted toward readers 12 to 18. The story is based on Miss Huggins' personal experiences in a girl's school under the

Communists in North China. Leading character is Ling Ning, a young woman science teacher, who faced hostility and discrimination for political reasons. She is befriended by a fellow science teacher, a young Christian Chinese.

Radio and T-V Institutes

There will be six institutes of this type October 12-19 sponsored by the Kansas State Council of Churches. This should be of interest to ministers and lay persons concerned with publicity and public relations. The resource leader is the Rev. Charles Henry Schmitz Director of Radio Education, Broadcasting and Film Commission. He has had wide experience in writing for radio, magazines and conducting such institutes. Registration $1.00. Institutes will be Oct. 12, Pittsburg; Oct. 13 Emporia; Oct. 14, Hutchinson; Oct. 15 Garden City; Oct. 16, Topeka; Oct 19, Wichita.

Tricks or Treats

October brings Halloween. Several adaptations have been made the past few years to use this in a constructive activity. The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund is sponsoring a "Trick or Treat for all the World's Children." Then there is the "Unselfish Beggar" project which has been carried out for the Congregational Service Committee. Last year many supplies, used clothing and dollars were collected in one short evening. Prior to the visit young people prepared their communities by circulating in advance through their newspapers, posters, church bulletins and other means the need for contributions. They pointed out how the materials or money would be used. For instance $2.00 would buy enough powdered milk to give nine children a glass of milk every day. Used clothing and soap would find its way to homes around the world where most needed. The traditional Halloween party should wind up the "Trick or Treat" evening.

Children's Book Week

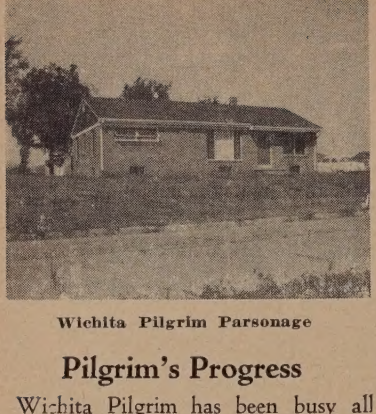
November 15-21 is the national observance for this project. Perhaps you have been wondering what to do with the books Junior no longer needs. Why not have your church school or class collect good children's books — used or unused. They should have pleasant and frequent illustrations with fairly simple language. The 15 cent and 25 cent books in most book or dime stores are often acceptable. We have a number of names and addresses in the Conference office for those who need such materials and will be glad to furnish a list upon request.

"For Every Child"

29 minutes, 16mm., sound. Rental: $8.00 from State Conference Office. This is an inspiring picture for every parent, every teacher and every friend of children Children try to understand this world of ours — but life is full of puzzles — unanswered questions — and he must seek answers. Write for a booking for your church. Must return January 1.

"From Birth Through Two"

There are several new materials for this age group in Pilgrim Series. "Messages to Parents of Children under Two" is a recent packet of messages to parents for twenty-four months $1.50. "The Two's at Church" is a leader's guide for working with this age. Material for twelve areas of interest at 75 cents.



Wichita Pilgrim Parsonage

Pilgrim's Progress

Wichita Pilgrim has been busy all summer in its building. In February we broke ground for our new sanctuary. June 7, the cornerstone was laid. The following took part in the ceremony: Mr. F. Grant Howard, of Building Committee; Mr. Charles A. Colby Chairman of Board of Trustees; Mr. Gordon Jones, State Moderator; Mrs. R. H. Garvey, Board of Home Missions; Dr. Walter Upton and Mr. John Rossel, Plymouth Church; Dr. Bernard L. Cook, Vice President of Wichita Council of Churches, and the Rev. Richard R. Zoppel, pastor.

As always in building programs there are delays. First, the brick plant was shut down, then heavy wind struck Wichita in June, knocking down the west wall; a strike in the building trades in Kansas City delayed delivery of sash and door work and the redwood. Most of the difficulties have been overcome and we are looking forward to dedicating our church in November.

The latter part of March work was started on the new seven room parsonage which has three bed-rooms, bath large living room, dining room, study kitchen and full basement. We are grateful to Mr. Willard Garvey of Builders, Inc., who built the parsonage at a very economical cost to the church. It is constructed of the same kind of brick as used in the church.

Open House was held, Sunday, Sept. 20; 3 to 5 P.M. The following women poured: Mrs. Mary G. Beaver, Chairman of the Board of Deaconesses; Mrs. Charles A. Colby, wife of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees· Mrs. F. Grant Howard, wife of the Chairman of the Building Committee and Mrs. Kenneth Sayre, wife of the Chairman of the Board of Deacons.

If you attend the Mid-West Regional Meeting in Wichita in October, come over and see our new sanctuary under construction and our new parsonage.

—Richard R. Zoppel
Pastor

Fall Program at Fairmount

Twenty men on the Building Finance Committee of Wichita Fairmount began preparations in early summer for a program of education in churchmanship. Pictures of church activities were taken and reproduced in a set of attractive folders entitled, "You are Cordially Invited", "A Right Share for a Secure Future", "Train A Child", "If You Like Music", and "There is Fun, Too." These were sent out at intervals to members and friends.

On August 24 at a Mass Meeting of men and early in September at four family nights, facts and needs were presented through talks and slides. Pictures taken from the air by Don Caldwell, piloted by Mr. Lawrence Vanderlip, Chairman of the Committee were shown. Other presentations revealed the tremendous population increase in the past seven years, and the increased responsibility of the church being met by the new building.

Our Christian World Mission

To September 30, 1953

Church	1953 O.C.W.M. Quota	PAID	LOAN FUND
*Almena	$ 350.00	$ 175.00	$ 500.00
*Anthony	300.00	150.00	368.00
*Athol	100.00	50.00	175.00
*Carbondale	100.00	50.00	
*Centralia	300.00	150.00	
Coun. Grove	300.00		
*Cumberland	20.00	10.00	
Dover	75.00	75.00	
*Downs	250.00	187.50	
*Ellis	300.00	150.00	800.00
*Emporia 1st	1,400.00	750.00	1,700.00
* Sardis	200.00	100.00	400.00
*Eureka	500.00	235.00	
*Ford	510.00	400.00	700.00
*Garden City	1,200.00	600.00	200.00
*Garfield	150.00	75.00	200.00
Gaylord	100.00		
*Gorham		50.00	
*Great Bend	2,000.00	1,333.36	2.000.00
*Haven	300.00	150.00	
*Hiawatha	80.00	40.00	
*Hutchinson	500.00	375.00	
*Independence	200.00	200.00	450.00
Kansas City			
* 1st Pilg.	600.00	450.00	1,350.00
* Rosedale	400.00	200.00	900.00
* Ruby	500.00	375.00	1,000.00
* Welborn	1,200.00	900.00	250.00
*Kinsley	500.00	500.00	1.000.00
*Kiowa	200.00	200.00	300.00
*Kirwin	50.00	50.00	
Lawrence P.	4,600.00	3,449.97	3,300.00
*Leavenworth	365.00	215.00	
*Lenora	300.00	300.00	700.00
Lenoa	50.00		50.00
*Lincoln	100.00	75.00	
*Little River	200.00	200.00	
*McPherson	1,000.00	500.00	2,000.00
*Maize	150.00	150.00	
*Manhattan	1,620.00	1,134.00	2,000.00
*Maple Hill	400.00	100.00	
Matfield Gr.	50.00		
*Milford	300.00	300.00	150.00
Mound City	25.00		
*Mt. Hope	500.00	500.00	
Muscotah	150.00		
*Neola		29.60	
Newton	500.00	150.00	1,000.00
Olive Hill	100.00		
Onaga	300.00	150.00	
Oronoque	50.00		
*Osborne	860.00	645.00	1,344.00
*Ottawa	500.00	250.00	
*Partridge	400.00	400.00	
*Pleas't Hill	80.00	80.00	
*Pleas't Home	600.00	600.00	500.00
*Plevna	120.00	90.00	
*Prairie Vil.	1,400.00	1,241.71	1,800.00
*Russell	500.00	375.00	1,200.00
*Sabetha	1,600.00	800.00	2,000.00
Sedgwick	200.00	100.00	
*Seneca	150.00	116.33	
*Smith Sent.	150.00	75.00	
*Stanley	400.00	300.00	500.00
St. Marys	50.00		
*Stockton	300.00	150.00	
*Tonganoxie	300.00	150.00	
Topeka			
* Central	3,300.00	2,475.00	
* First	2,450.00	1,837.52	3,000.00
* Seabrook	400.00	100.00	1,400.00
* Seaman	1,000.00	503.00	1,200.00
*Towanda	100.00	50.00	500.00
Udall	75.00	18.75	
*Wakefield	300.00	225.00	50.00
*Wheaton	150.00	112.50	200.00
*Whitewater	1,200.00	149.73	1,250.00
Wichita			
* Fairm't	2,400.00	1,800.00	2,000.00
* Pilgrim	900.00	634.20	1,200.00
* Plym'th	6,050.00	2,787.50	7,500.00
Bazine (Gr.)			250.0
TOTALS	$49,380.00	$31,300.67	$47,712.00

* Indicates per capita tax paid.

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Wedding Anniversary Festival

On October 4, the occasion of the tenth wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Bonny of Kansas City Rosedale, a great wedding party was held. Favorite wedding music preceded the ceremony. Three couples were chosen to attend Mr. and Mrs. Bonny. The Rev. C. Fosberg Hughes officiated. The marriage vows were printed and all couples in attendance repeated them after the minister. At a reception which followed in the social hall love gifts to cover the expense of the occasion were placed in a large wedding bell. A Bible was presented to the couple most recently married and the couple married the longest. All thru the month of October Mr. Bonny will use sermon themes relating to the home and family life.

WORKDAY FOR CHRIST . . . . October 24, 1953

—is a day of dedication of self through work.
Plan an early morning worship as well as dedication of money earned—at the close of the day itself; in the Sunday Church Service or at your next Pilgrim Fellowship meeting.

—is an opportunity for every P.F. member to participate.
Get a job for the day and contribute earnings to world-wide CHRISTIAN ACTION.

—publicize it.
Put a notice in the church bulletin, local paper or a personal contact for car-wash jobs, baby-sitting, lawn work, house cleaning, painting, window-washing, cookie baking, etc.

—see description of projects on page 11.
Work Day for Christ earnings will go toward these projects which were selected by your Pilgrim Fellowship National Officers.

—send your earnings to the State Conference Office.